

# *National Mall*



## *Junior Ranger Activity Booklet*









Scratchy the Squirrel lives in Washington, D.C. He loves to run around in the grass and watch all the people. Scratchy wonders why so many people who do not live here always come to visit. There must be something to attract all these visitors. He decides to further explore the area, and find out why all the people come here.

He finds a clue:



He recognizes this as being the symbol of the **National Park Service**. This makes Scratchy think about what the National Park Service is all about. How can there be a national park in the middle of a noisy city like Washington, D.C.?

Scratchy decides to seriously explore the area to see if he can discover the answers to his questions.

**Help Scratchy solve the puzzle:**

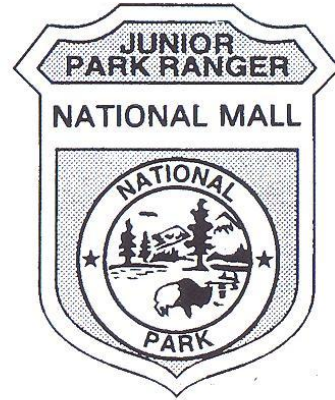
**What does the National Park Service do?**

**Why is there a national park in the middle of Washington, D.C.?**



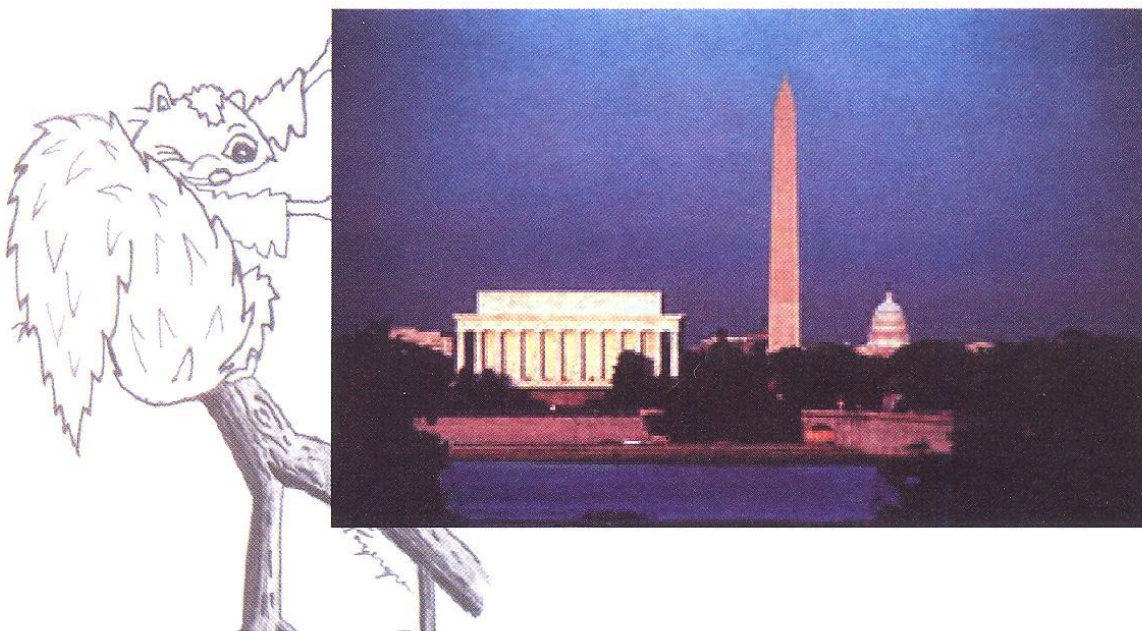
# To become a National Mall Junior Ranger:

1. Complete the activities in this booklet to the best of your ability. Use park rangers or park brochures to help you.



2. Bring your booklet to the Ranger Station on the Washington Monument grounds to get your badge, or mail the booklet to:

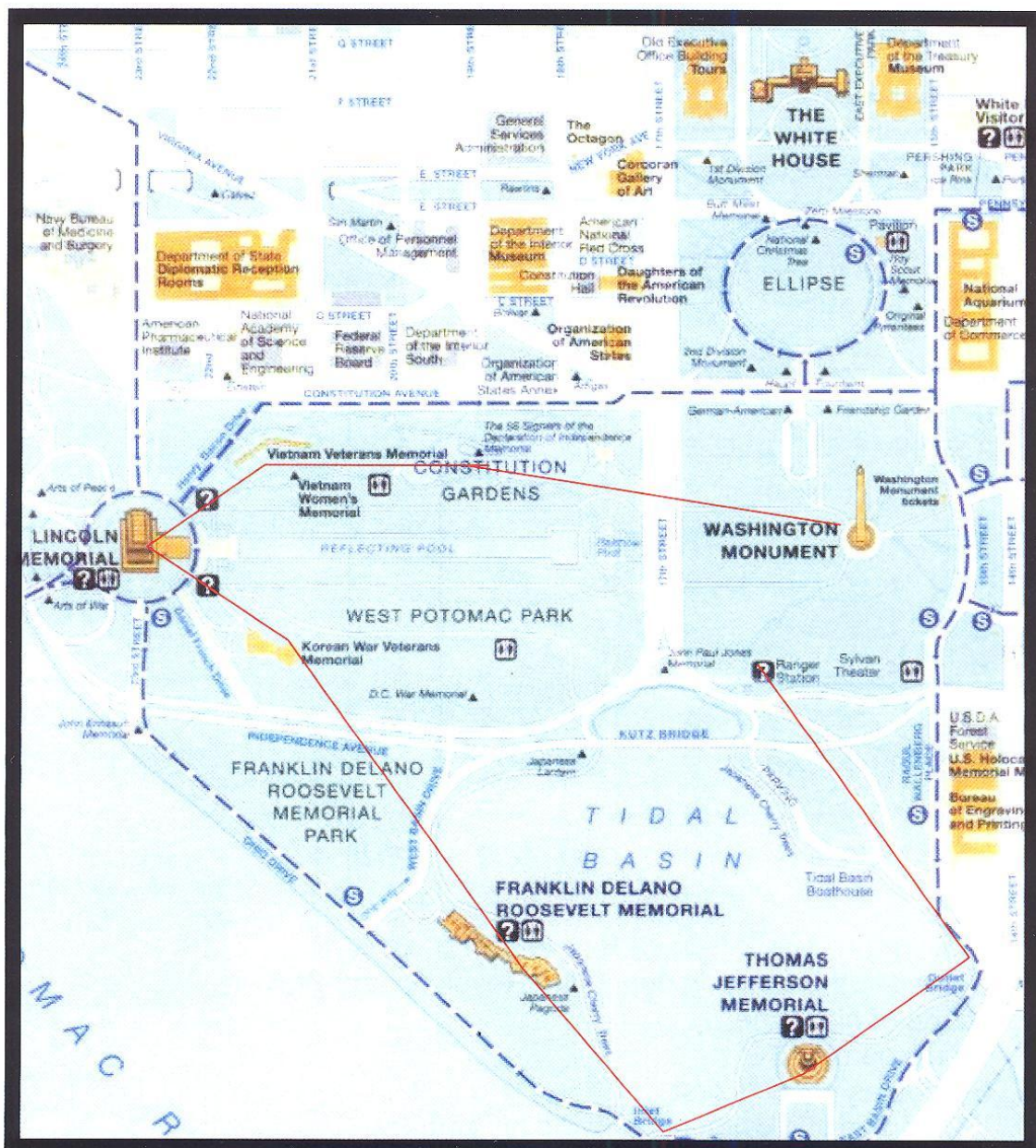
National Mall Ranger Station  
900 Ohio Drive, S.W.  
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Plot your route around  
the Mall, just like  
Scratchy marked his  
route through the park!

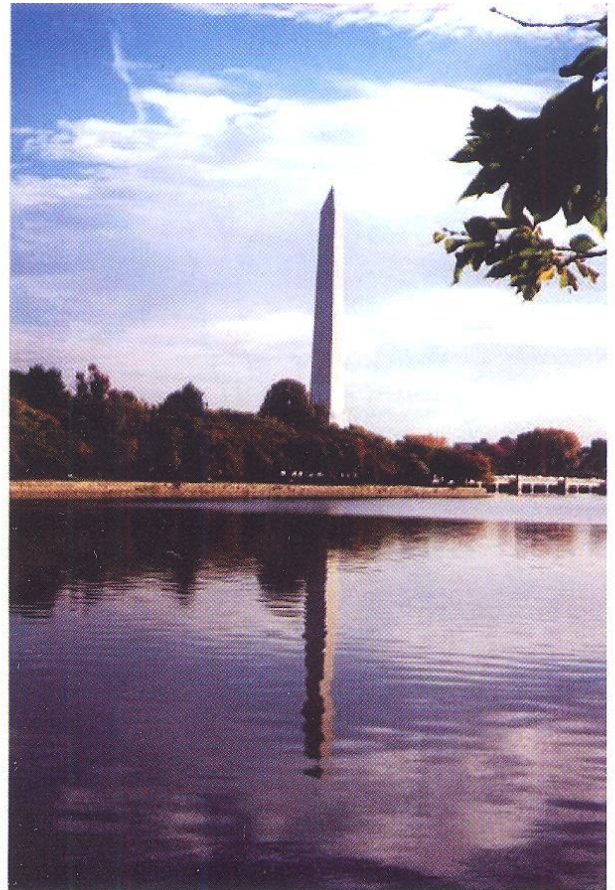
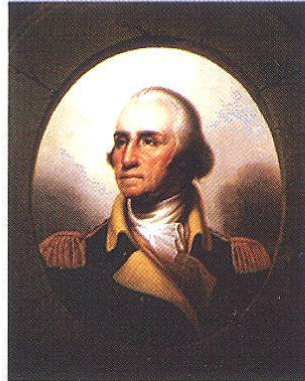




# Washington Monument

Scratchy decided to go see the Washington Monument first. "Wonder why it's so tall," Scratchy thought.

Help Scratchy figure out why such a tall monument was chosen to honor George Washington.



Fill in the spaces to discover a skill George Washington had that made him so important in American history.

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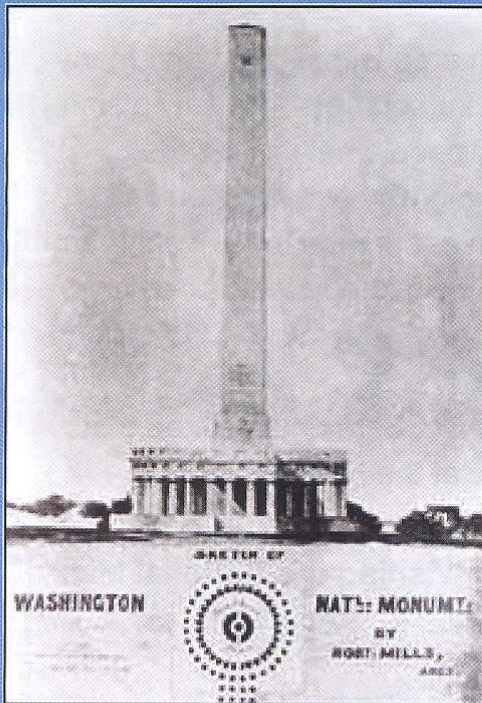
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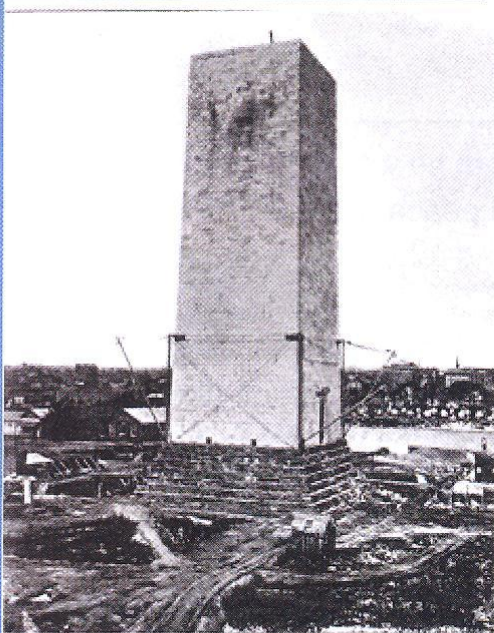
1. Served in this position during the Revolutionary War
2. Name of his home
3. Wife's name
4. Served as nation's first \_\_\_\_\_
5. Worked as this when not serving his country
6. His home state







Robert Mills won a contest to design a monument for George Washington in 1836.



Unfortunately, there was not enough money to finish it as planned. Construction started in 1848 and stopped in 1854 when the money ran out. It was finally completed in 1884.

If you had a chance to design a memorial for George Washington, what would it look like? Draw it here.

What do you notice when you look part way up the Monument? Why do you think it looks the way it does?

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**Why do you think it is important for the monument to stand so tall?**

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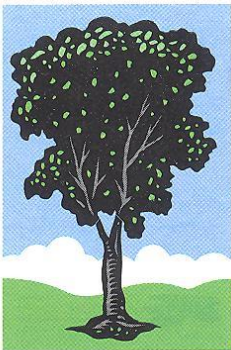
While walking through the National Mall, Scratchy came to an area with a pond and many trees. He saw many different animals, including birds and other squirrels. He saw a sign that said "Constitution Gardens", along with a sign that asked people not to feed the wildlife. Just then Scratchy overheard a Park Ranger explaining why people shouldn't feed wildlife. The Ranger said when squirrels or other wildlife eat human food, it can harm their bodies. Also, wild animals need to eat their own food to help keep plants or other animals in check.

The wildlife is protected by law, so that people cannot hurt it. So, Scratchy realized that just like wildlife in any National Park, he was protected by law at the National Mall!

**Draw a picture of any type of wildlife you have seen while visiting the National Mall:**

While relaxing at Constitution Gardens, Scratchy almost forgot he was in the middle of a city. He noticed many other people enjoying the beauty and peace of the area. Good thing we have places like this where people can go to rest and relax, Scratchy thought.

Scratchy sat for five minutes to listen to the sounds of the outdoors. He heard many different noises, including the wind, a seagull, and water. **Sit in a peaceful place like Constitution Gardens, or along the Tidal Basin, and record the noises you hear during a five minute period:**



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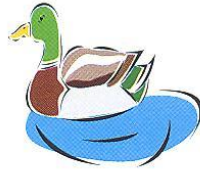
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While Scratchy was in Constitution Gardens he saw many birds flying in the air and sitting on the water. **Of the following birds seen throughout the National Mall, circle the birds you have seen:**



Canadian Goose



Mallard Duck



Mourning Dove



Crow



Great Blue Heron



Cardinal

Each spring throughout the National Mall, thousands of cherry trees blossom white and pink. People visit from around the world to see their beauty. The National Park Service helps to protect and care for these national treasures. The trees only bloom for three days, and then the blossoms fall off. Someone who was inspired by the beautiful trees wrote the poem:

*Life is short, like the  
three day glory of  
the cherry blossom*



Thinking about how a beautiful place in nature can make you feel, write a short poem that describes how you feel when you are in a peaceful setting, like along the Tidal Basin or in Constitution Gardens.

### My Poem about Nature:

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## Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Scratchy continued on his way through the Mall. Soon he came to an area where he noticed people seemed quiet and sad. Scratchy loved being out on the grounds in the park. He wondered what made people visiting so sad. He wandered down to the long, black granite wall and heard a park ranger talking to a visitor about a place called Vietnam. As he got closer, Scratchy saw many, many names on the Wall.

Whose names are on this Wall?

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Ask a ranger or a park volunteer how many names are on the Wall?

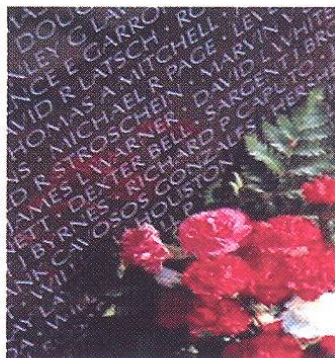
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Do you see any items left at the wall? If so, what are some of the things you see?

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Why do you think people leave things at the Wall?

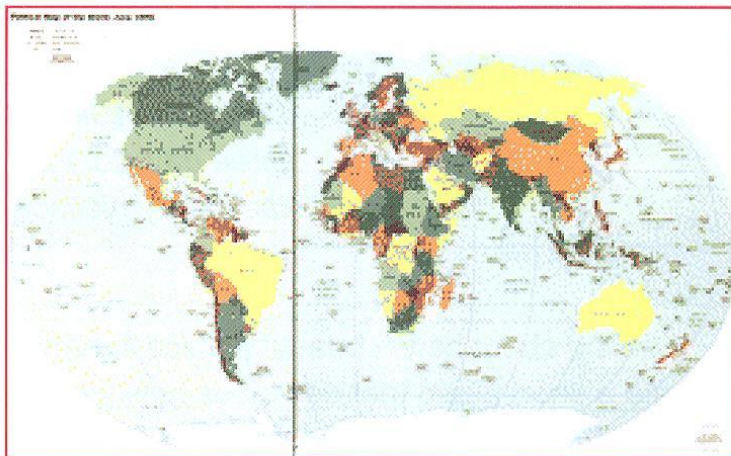
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The Vietnam War happened over many years and far away from the United States. Find the years on the Wall that show when this country was involved in Vietnam.

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Mark the area of the world where Vietnam is located.

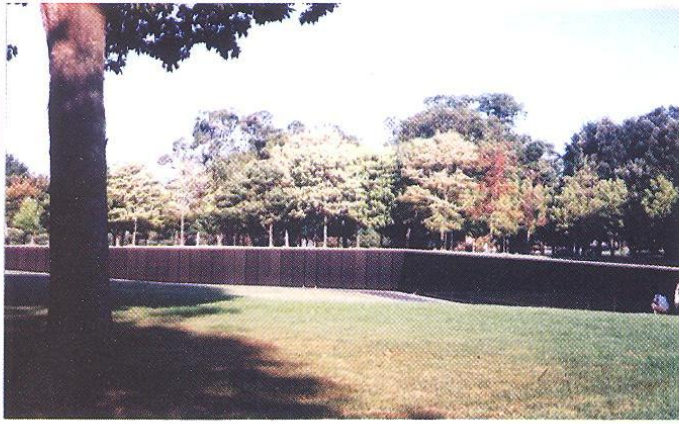


If there is someone you know whose name is on the Wall, you can find that name by looking it up in one of the directories at the entrance to the Wall. The entry will tell you the panel and line number where the name is located.

How are the names arranged on the Wall?

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The Wall was designed by a young architecture student from Yale.

What is her name?

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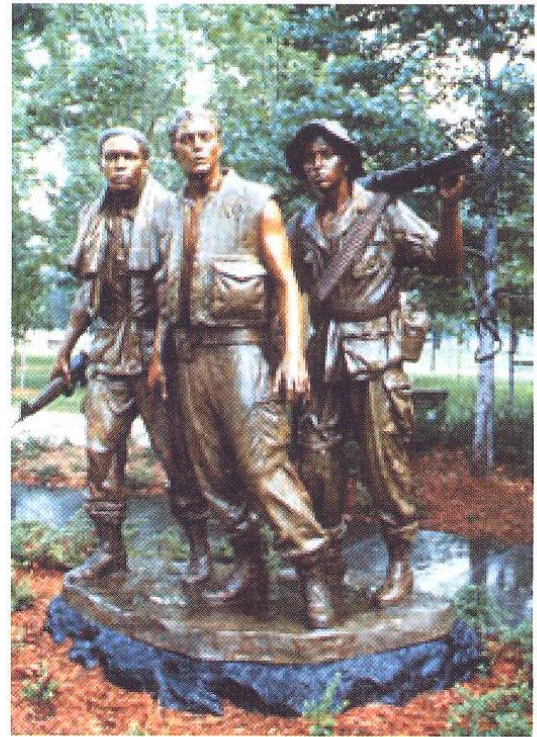
Some people felt the Vietnam Veteran Memorial should include more than the Wall. Frederick Hart designed a statue that put faces to the names on the Wall. He hoped to show something about the age of the soldiers who fought in Vietnam.

When you look at the statue, what do you think Hart tried to show about the age of these soldiers?

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The latest addition to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is the Vietnam Women's Memorial. Created by Glenna Goodacre, this honors the work of the women who served in Vietnam.

What do you think the women are doing?

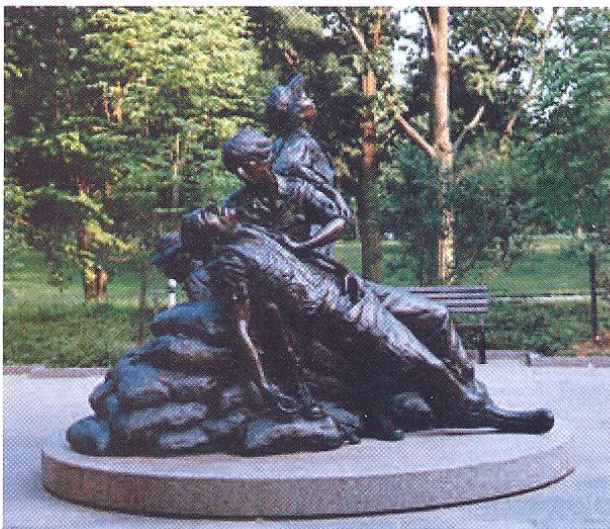
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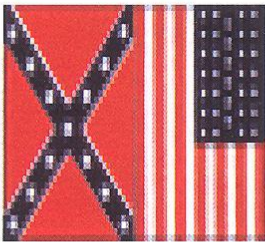
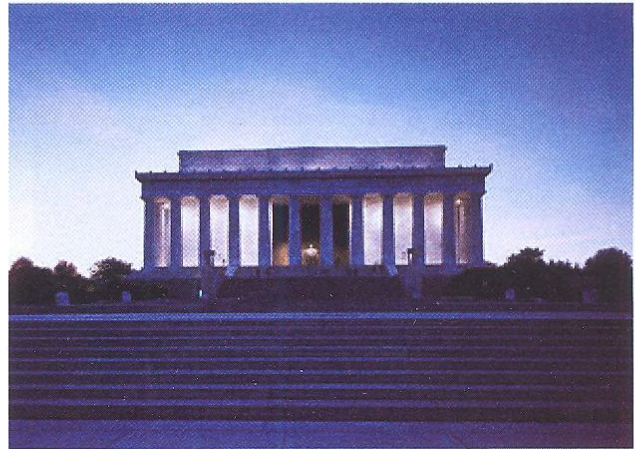
What is the significance of the 8 trees planted around the Memorial?

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Scratchy was so impressed as he calmly climbed the steps to the Lincoln Memorial. Abraham Lincoln must have been someone special to deserve a memorial like this!

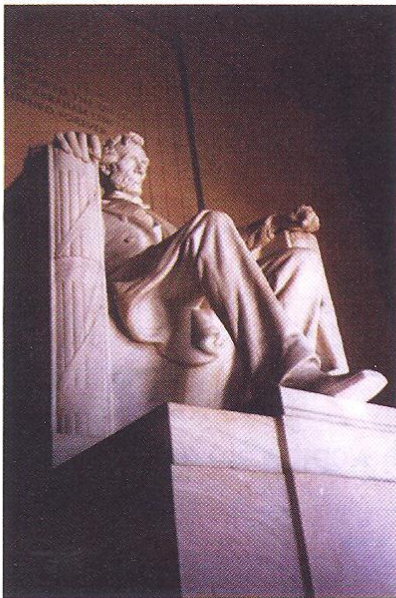
Help Scratchy figure out why the Lincoln Memorial was built.



What big event was happening in the country during the time Abraham Lincoln was president?

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This event split the nation apart. It was very important for Lincoln to bring the country back together again. Throughout the memorial, there are symbols of the Union. See if you can find these symbols!



Where do you find these symbols of the Union in the Lincoln Memorial?

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—list of states

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—flag

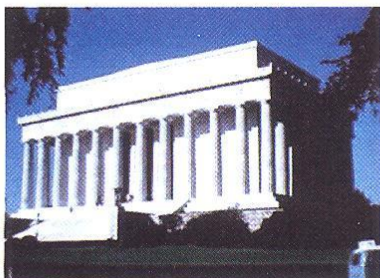
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—Alaska and Hawaii plaque

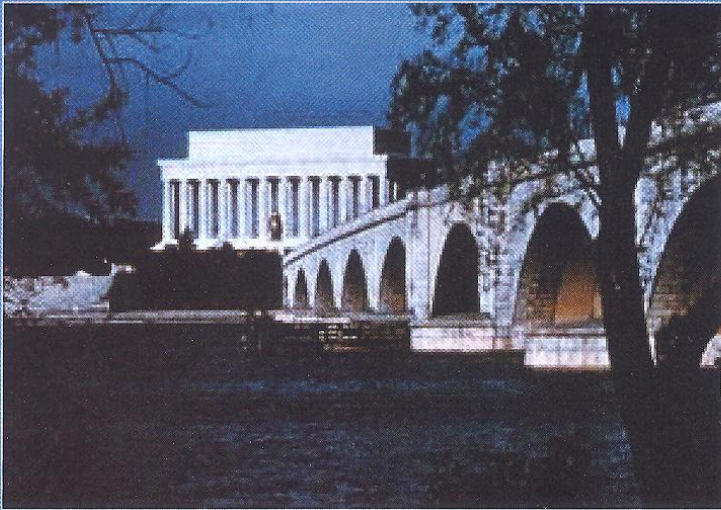
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There are 36 of what item in the Memorial that represent the 36 states in the Union at the time that Lincoln was president?

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As Scratchy looked around the Lincoln Memorial, he realized this was not just a place that symbolized the Union. With the end of slavery after the Civil War, Lincoln became a symbol of freedom too. Scratchy could see the large number of people that visit this memorial, which has become a place where freedom is celebrated.

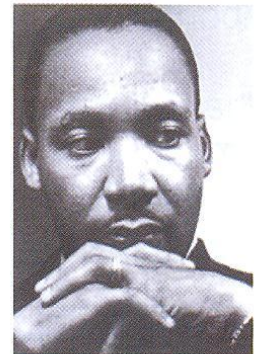
When walking down from the Lincoln Memorial chamber, stop after the first set of steps and look out over the Mall. You are standing where two historic events took place that helped promote civil rights.

Identify the participants at these events. Ask a ranger if you need help, and have the ranger tell you the story of these events.

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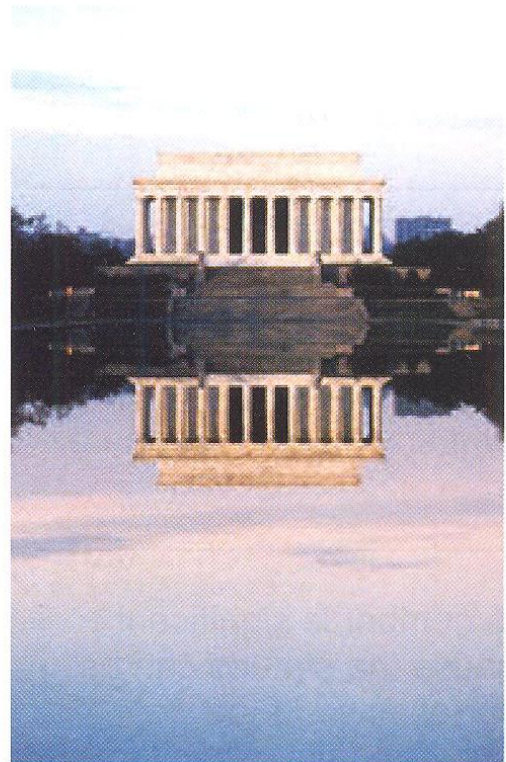
August 28, 1963



Walk around to the back of the Lincoln Memorial.

As you look out, what building do you see on the other side of the bridge?

What makes this such an unusual sight from the Lincoln Memorial?





As Scratchy left the Lincoln Memorial, he noticed a flag flying off to the right through the trees. He wandered toward the flag, and saw others moving toward the flag too. When he got closer, he was startled to see they were statues. What do the statues represent?

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This memorial was created to honor those who served in the Korean War.

Why do you think they are marching toward the flag?

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Find out when the Korean War was fought.

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How many statues are there?

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The war was fought between North and South Korea. Each wanted their own form of government in place throughout the country.

This number is significant because the statues can be seen reflected in the wall. Ask a ranger to tell you why this is important.

What is represented by the number of statues in the memorial? \_\_\_\_\_

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Beyond the flagpole are four words carved into the granite wall that remind us what Americans in Korea fought for.

What is that phrase?

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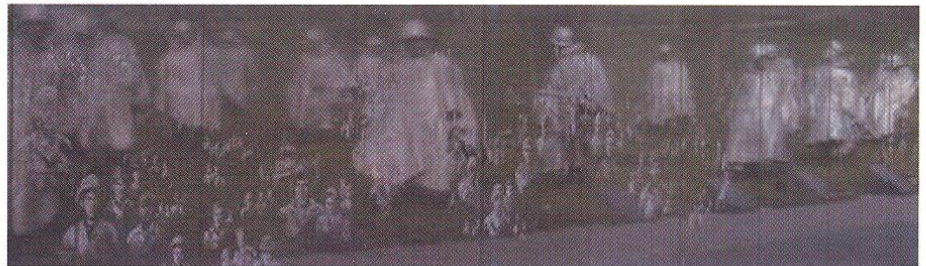
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Soldiers are not the only ones involved in a war effort. The wall has engravings of people who supported the war by doing other jobs. List three of the support roles you see illustrated on the wall.

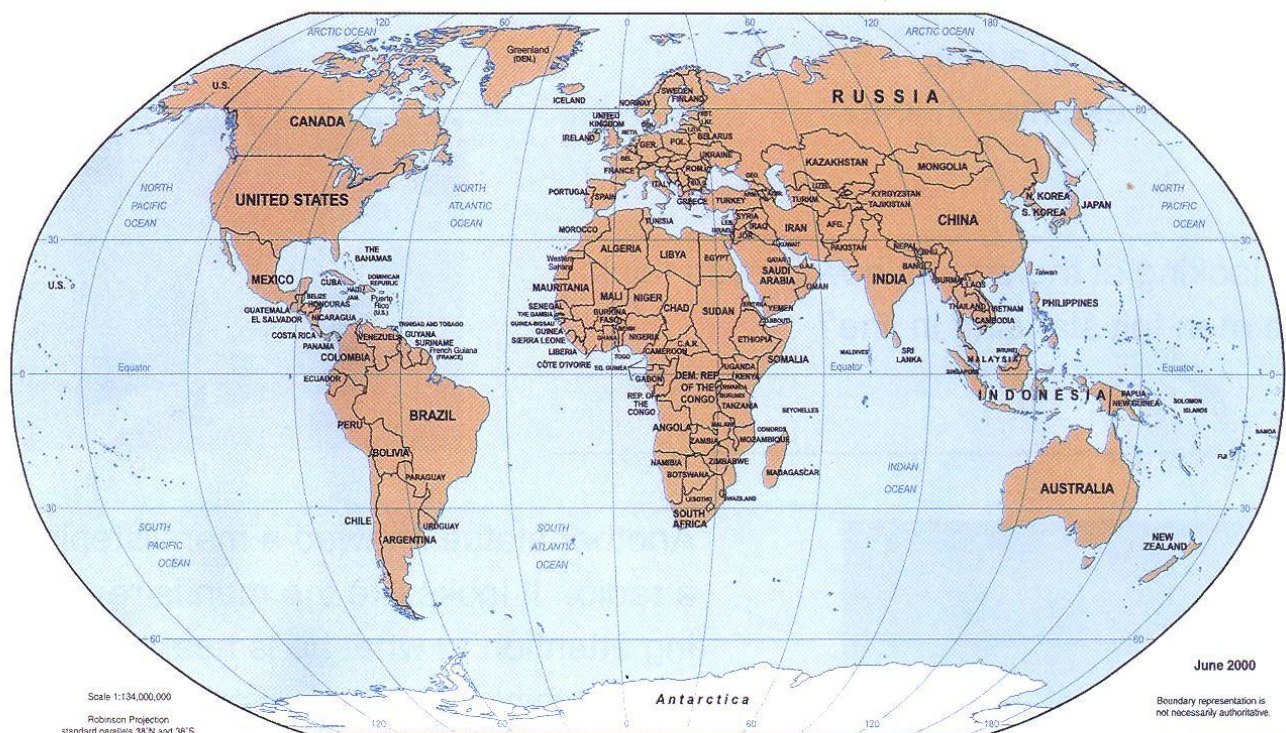
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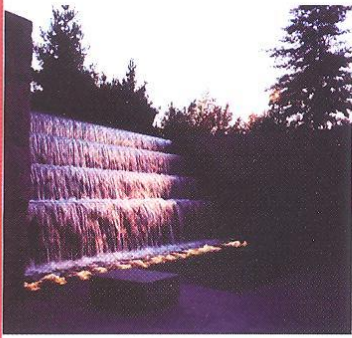
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The United States was not the only country helping South Korea fight against North Korea. The effort involved countries all over the world organized together as the United Nations. These countries are all represented in the memorial on the United Nations wall. Circle the countries on the map that you find on the UN wall.







Walking along the Tidal Basin, Scratchy suddenly heard a noise that sounded like a waterfall. He saw big granite stones, and lots of people entering into a memorial. Scratchy saw the words FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, 1933-1945, carved into the wall.



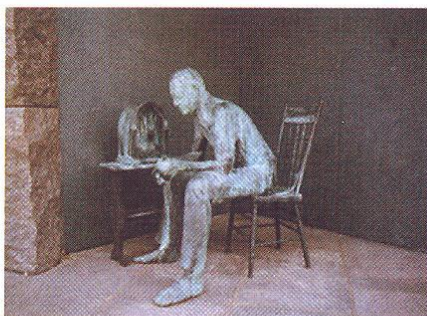
Scratchy found out from a park ranger that FDR was president during two very rough periods. The memorial is set up for visitors to go through the four terms of FDR's presidency to see what happened in each term. Scratchy wanted to see for himself...

What were the **two** rough periods that FDR helped lead the nation through?

Scratchy saw several statues of people who looked very life-like. One statue was of five men standing in a line.

Why are these men in line?

By looking at the statue, how do you think the men felt standing in line?



Another statue showed a man listening to a radio. It looks like the man is really paying attention to what he is hearing. Who do you think the man is listening to?



Because of the Great Depression, many Americans did not have a way to make money and feed their families. President Roosevelt created jobs for these unemployed Americans. Find the wall with pictures of people doing different jobs.

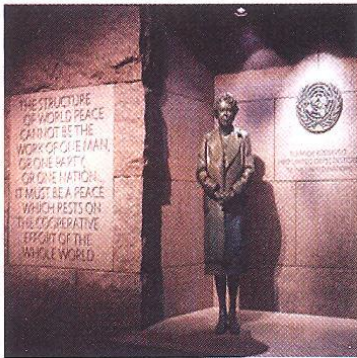
**Find the panel like this:**



**What is the person doing in this picture?**

**How did this work improve the nation?**

While FDR was president, World War II began. It was a time of fear and worry for the nation. Franklin Roosevelt was a strong leader for the country, and helped to get America through this difficult time. Look on the pile of rocks to see FDR's message about war. **What does it say?**



Eleanor Roosevelt was a new type of First Lady for the White House. She worked on issues that were important to her and the nation. She fought for equal treatment of all Americans, whatever their wealth, gender, age, race, or religion.

**What are some things about the world or your nation that you hope will be improved someday?**

As Scratchy left the FDR Memorial he saw the last quote on the wall spoken by President Roosevelt. These are freedoms President Roosevelt helped people keep. Scratchy realized this is why a memorial was built to honor FDR and why so many people come to visit it!!!!

**List these four freedoms:**

Freedom of \_\_\_\_\_

Freedom of \_\_\_\_\_

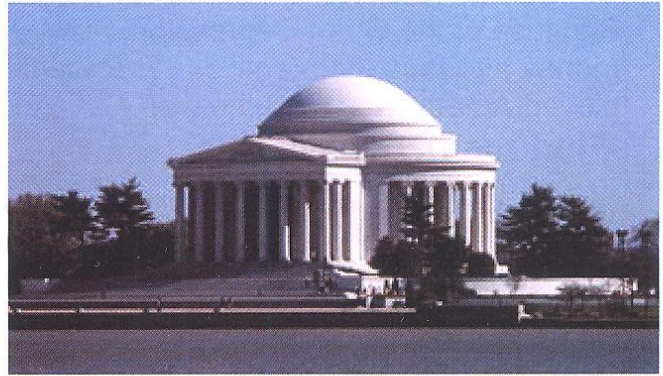
Freedom from \_\_\_\_\_

Freedom from \_\_\_\_\_





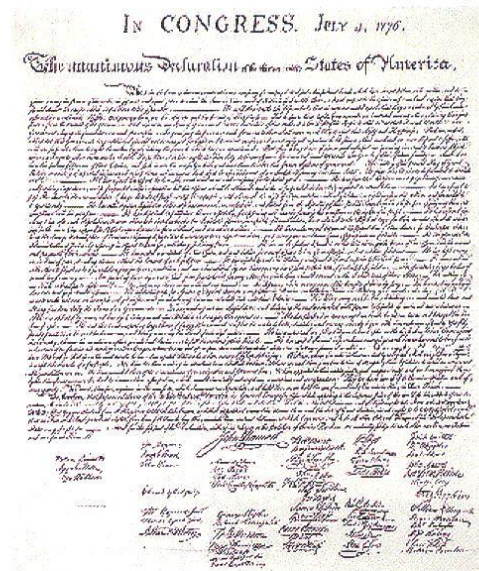
Scratchy moved around the Tidal Basin to the Jefferson Memorial. As he entered the chamber, he heard a ranger telling visitors what made Thomas Jefferson so important in American history.



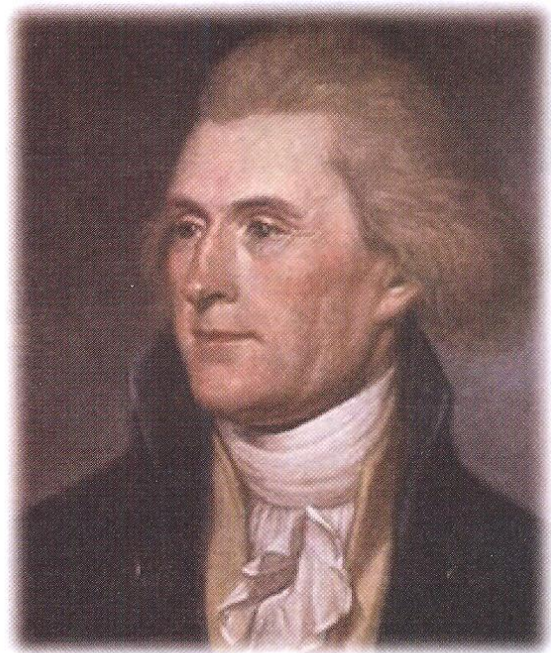
He was the main writer of this document: \_\_\_\_\_

Find a quote from this document on the wall of the Memorial and continue this phrase:

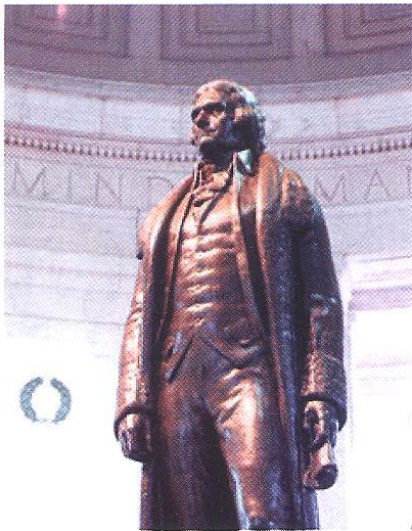
*We hold these truths to be self evident:* \_\_\_\_\_



*that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are* \_\_\_\_\_







Thomas Jefferson is remembered for his many interests. Beyond writing, he liked architecture, science, history, and farming.

Can you find 2 things on the statue that represent his love of farming? \_\_\_\_\_

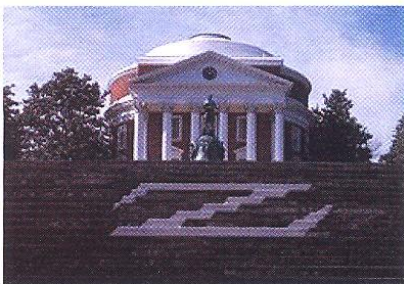
Can you find 2 things in the memorial that show his interest in architecture? \_\_\_\_\_

Jefferson believed education was very important. What did he create that shows his interest in education?

Jefferson held many jobs. See if you can find them in the word search below:

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Vice President  
Founder of University

Writer  
Secretary of State  
Musician

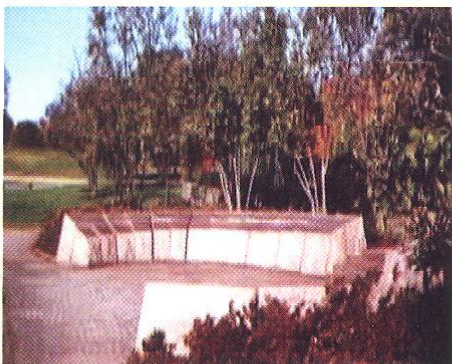
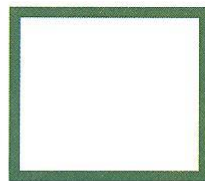
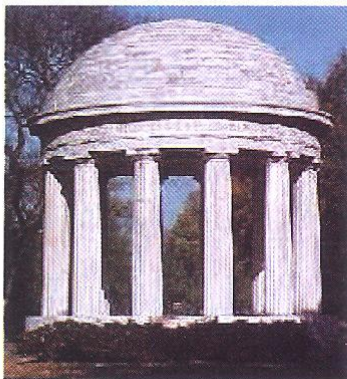
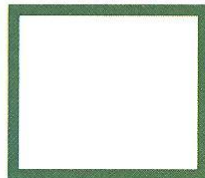
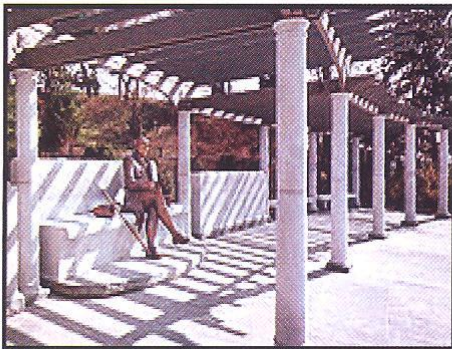
Politician  
Diplomat

President  
Scientist



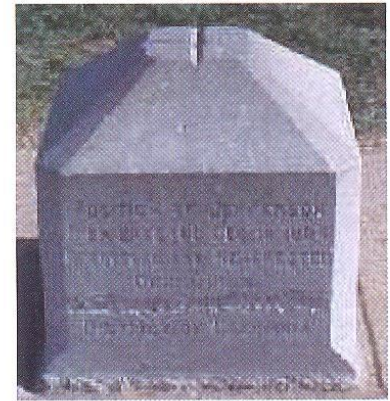
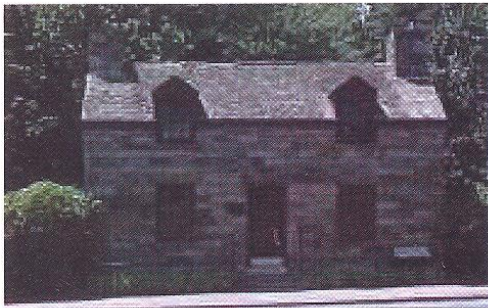
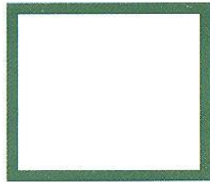
Scratchy really enjoyed wandering around the park. He saw so many special places that millions of people come to visit every year. But as he moved through the park, he found other memorials that are not as well-known. See how many of these sites you find as you visit the National Mall.

Match the picture of the memorial with its name by placing the letter in front of the name in the box next to the picture.

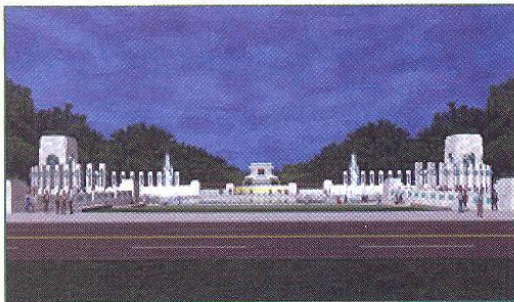


- A. John Ericsson statue
- B. Jefferson Pier Stone
- C. DC World War Memorial
- D. George Mason Memorial
- E. Lockkeeper's House
- F. Memorial to the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence
- G. John Paul Jones statue





The National Mall is always changing. As time goes on, people are interested in remembering different events. Currently, construction is underway for the National World War II Memorial at the end of the Reflecting Pool, due to be finished in 2004. Some people are afraid the Mall will get too crowded if we keep building more memorials. Can you think of something or someone who should be memorialized on the National Mall? Why would you choose that person or event?



Proposed design of the National World War II Memorial

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Scratchy learned a lot through his experiences on the National Mall.  
Now he understands why there is a national park in the middle of the city.

Break the code to find out the mission of the National Park Service.

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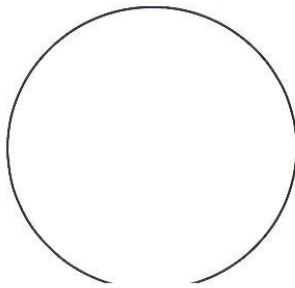
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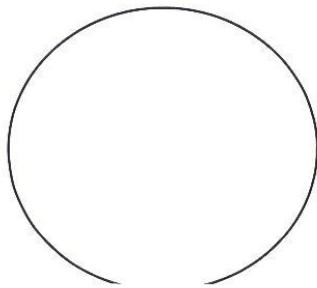
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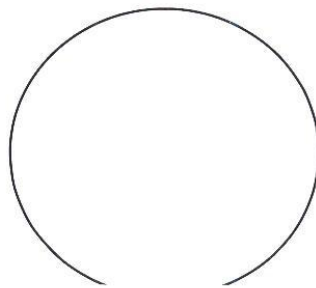
**It's fun to collect park stamps at the memorials as a record of your visit:**



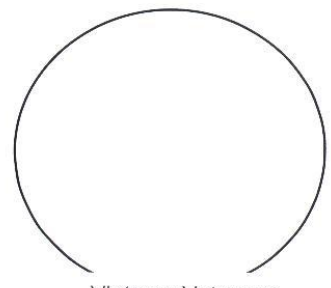
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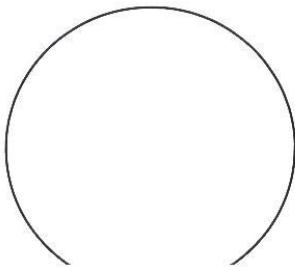
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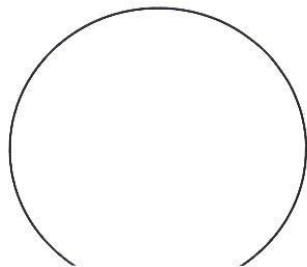
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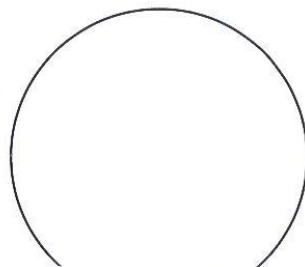
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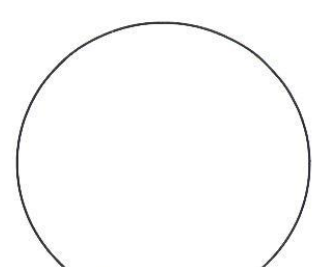
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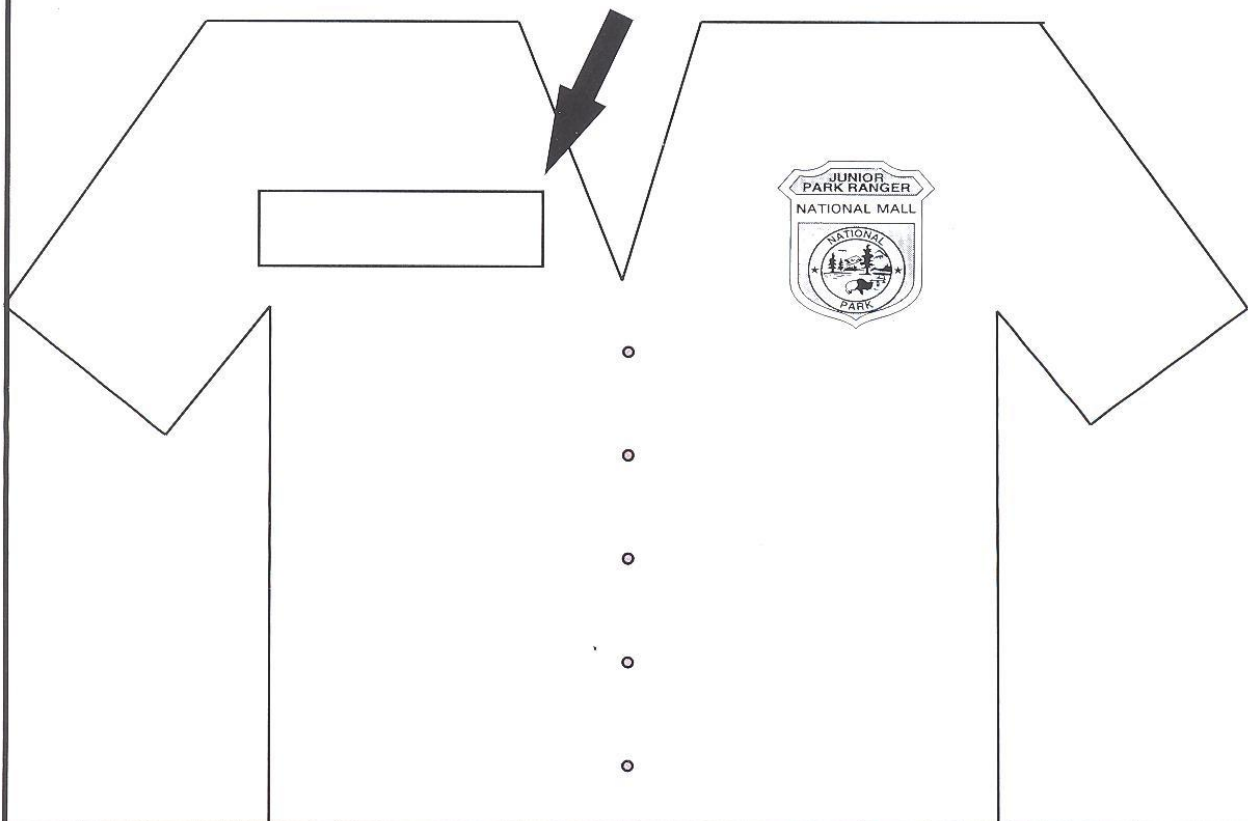
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By completing the activities in this book you are a Junior Ranger on the National Mall. With your hard work and knowledge of the park, you have earned the right to wear the Junior Ranger badge with pride.

Go to the ranger station on the Washington Monument grounds for your badge!

**Print your name on the name plate below on the ranger shirt:**







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